

The Glacier Fund

Preserving Glacier's Heritage



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Sperry Chalet

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Glacier National Park Under New Management

Superintendent Suzanne Lewis began work on April 24 and became the first woman to head Glacier National Park. She succeeds Dave Mihalic, who became Superintendent of Yosemite National Park last October. Suzanne and Dave served together in the Senior Executive Service elite training program for the National Park Service.

Suzanne is a 22-year veteran of the National Park Service and was recently superintendent of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area outside Atlanta, Georgia. She and her husband, Michael are getting settled in their new home outside Whitefish. We all look forward to a long

term and rewarding relationship with Suzanne. Her enthusiasm and ability to form solid partnerships will benefit us all. Welcome, Suzanne!

Joining Suzanne at Glacier's helm is Assistant Superintendent Denis Davis, who returns to Glacier after a 26 year absence. Evidently Denis enjoyed working many years ago at Many Glacier gathering data for his master's thesis. He comes to us from Cumberland Gap Island National Seashore in Georgia. While superintendent, he was recognized for his management of a wilderness area faced with extreme controversy. Denis arrived in March and is adjusting quickly to his new position.



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A welcome to our newest board member, **Ken Churchill,**
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The Chairman's Column

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors for The Glacier Fund, I would like to extend a warm greeting to all of you. I consider it a privilege to have met and/or worked with so many dedicated individuals who are genuinely interested in the mission, vision, and future planning of my family's wonderful legacy. Many thanks to all who have helped make Glacier National Park a beautiful and serene place to behold such intricate natural surroundings.

The history of Glacier National Park is quite extensive. Dating back to about 1886, my great-grandfather, James J. Hill, in his efforts "to find a more direct route west (for his St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad), and an easier pass over the Continental Divide...found the perfect route in Marias Pass, the lowest crossing of the Northern Rockies, along the southern border of what is now Glacier National Park."¹ Many years later in 1910, Glacier National Park was advertised as part of a "See America First" advertising campaign to promote visitors to the area.

My grandfather, Louis W. Hill, continued to develop the park, as well as the Glacier Park Hotel Company, through the period 1914 – 1929. Eventually, the park became part of the National Park Service within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

I sincerely appreciate your continued interest and support of The Glacier Fund, and look forward to what lies ahead in the enhancement and promotion of such a wonderful piece of history.

Louis F. Hill
 Chairman

¹ Excerpt taken from the article "The First Empire Builder of the Northwest", published in the *Smithsonian* magazine.

Join Us for an Evening of Unique Music, Food and Fun for a Good Cause

The Glacier Fund and the Glacier Park Associates are teaming up to sponsor a an evening you won't forget. Join us for a concert at the O'Shaughnessy Center for the Performing Arts in Whitefish for the unique and delightful music of the Woods Tea Company. The ensemble, from Vermont, will perform their unforgettable blend of Irish traditional music.

In addition to the music, food and beverages, a host of raffle prizes will be given away.

All proceeds generated from this evening of entertainment will go toward a trail and cabin restoration projects in Glacier National Park.

Mark your calendar for this truly enjoyable evening. For more information please call (406) 888-7910 or (406) 888-7800.



A Letter from the Executive Director



Chris Tucker

Welcome to the first issue of The Glacier Fund Newsletter. Glacier National Park gears up for the summer with a new superintendent, a birthday, and Glacier Fund's first official act.

Our new Superintendent, Suzanne Lewis, began work in April, in time to help celebrate the park's 90th birthday on May 11, 2000, with a reception and cake at the West Glacier Community Center.

Meanwhile, the rare and beautiful harlequin ducks gathered on upper McDonald Creek attracting many bird lovers.

The Glacier Fund is up and running, thanks to former Superintendent, Dave Mihalic and Montana Governor Marc Racicot. In August 1999, Governor and Mrs. Racicot hosted a dinner at the governor's residence for prospective board members. Fourteen couples stepped forward to collaborate on the new board. Louis F. Hill, grandson of Great Northern Railroad President, Louis Hill, was elected chairman. It was the senior Hill who built the European-style hotels and chalets in the early 1900's and made Glacier National Park one of the first American destination resorts.

Initially, The Glacier Fund voted to become a subsidiary of the National Park Foundation to help alleviate the high costs of start up and administration.

The National Park Foundation, a Congressionally designated non-profit, was created in 1967. The Glacier Fund receives administrative and financial support from the NPF, the official fundraiser for the National Park Service. At the February board of directors meeting, The Glacier Fund voted to incorporate as its own 501 (c) 3 non-profit. That process has now been set in motion and should be accomplished in the near future. Additional support in the form of office space, phone, is being provided by Glacier National Park.

We also received a new computer from United Parcel Service and my first year's wages were generously donated by the Glacier Natural History Association.

My tasks as Executive Director are many and varied. I am renewing the traditional park partnerships with numerous organizations and individuals. Part of the Executive Director duties includes planning special events, encouraging individual giving, grant writing and providing opportunities for park lovers to support Glacier National Park. The Glacier Fund has restricted accounts set up for environmental education, historic building restoration, Save the Chalets, trail maintenance and wildlife research. The management staff at Glacier National Park is developing lists of projects they would like to have funded. Our board will decide which projects they wish to fund. The needs are many as you are well aware.

The Glacier Fund hopes to create the margin of excellence so that visitors and future generations are guaranteed a quality experience. Give me a call at (406) 888-7910 or online at jmetzmaker@goparks.org and I will try to match up your interests with a park project!

Jan Metzmaker



A word from the Superintendent

Dear Friends:

The year 2000, a milestone for the beginning of a new century and millennium, is also an auspicious year for Glacier National Park and for The Glacier Fund as the critical, much-needed, and well-grounded fund-raising arm for Glacier National Park kicks into full gear. There are milestones for the park itself, as we celebrate and commemorate 90 years of heritage preservation for Glacier's incredibly rich and diverse resources, both natural and cultural. Yet, at the same time, there are countless, some-yet-untold, challenges to be pursued and achieved throughout the next decade to ensure that Glacier's historic facilities and infrastructure enjoy a much-needed renaissance as the century mark draws near.

Denis Davis and I have the honor and unprecedented opportunity to begin our tenure simultaneously as we lead the park team into a new management era—implementing the General Management Plan—focused on ensuring that Glacier National Park remains and retains its special character and spectacular resource values while at the same time responding to pressing needs and changing times. In order to meet that goal, you have my commitment and that of the entire park staff to strive to expand our collective efforts to foster widespread stewardship values, public education, expanded partnerships, and environmental leadership in all aspects of park management. What an absolutely fantastic and exciting time to be on board! I trust you feel the same.

There are tremendous challenges ahead, but that is why The Glacier Fund was established...to help find viable answers and solutions for much-needed projects and worthy endeavors that presently lack the resources needed to see the idea through to completion. I believe it is human nature to want to see results. I am no exception. It is my genuine hope and desire that The Glacier Fund will be profoundly successful...so successful that when



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May 11, 2010, arrives, we will reflect on the decade...celebrating the park's first century while simultaneously looking ahead to the next 100 years and recommitting to our common goal. As I see it, that mutual goal seeks to ensure the preservation of the outstanding natural beauty and cultural heritage of Glacier National Park for the use and enjoyment of future generations by fostering public awareness and encouraging private philanthropy to support that shared mission.

The Glacier Fund is rooted in strong values and passions. Those pervasive values and passions are essential to the success of this time of management transition and the forward progression to a fully-realized shared vision that transforms our partnership of challenges into tangible and meaningful successes through your generosity, support, and leadership.

Together, I am confident we can and WILL make it happen!

Suzanne Lewis
Superintendent



A fundraising update

The Save the Chalets campaign fell short of its goal to raise \$1.5 million for upgrading Granite and Sperry Chalets. Most of the remaining funds from that capital campaign have been donated to The Glacier Fund for either our administrative costs or direct support of the chalet project.

We will continue to accept funds in a restricted account on behalf of the chalets. The Glacier Fund Board of Directors will be developing a plan to determine its obligation to the chalets and the level of funding required to fulfill these obligations. The chalets are complete with the exception of the water and waste water/sewer system upgrades needed at Granite Park. Only with the completion of this expensive new system will Granite be upgraded to the full meal service and overnight accommodations of yesteryear.

Counter Assault recently announced plans to donate \$1.00 to The Glacier Fund for every can of bear spray sold in Glacier Park Incorporated gift shops and camp stores. The Sportsman and Ski Haus in Kalispell and Whitefish has also offered to donate \$1.00 for every can of Counter Assault Bear Spray sold in their stores. Thank you for your generous support!!

The Wasabi Sushi Bar in Whitefish has named The Glacier Fund as one of their designated projects



Granite Park Chalet

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for "Dine out for the Community" this summer. Ten percent of their sales on July 25th will be donated to our organization. Please call 863-9283 for reservations.

We will be working with other restaurants to expand this great idea. A big thank you to Scott and Kerry Nagle for this terrific promotion!

The Glacier Fund has donated \$5,000 to help fund bear biologist Tim Manley's bear management position in Glacier. Tim and his Karelian Bear Dogs are a familiar sight in bear country. Together they have successfully trained bears to steer clear of humans and avoid causing human-bear conflicts. Tim also works with people educating them how to co-exist safely with bears.

First Board Reception a Smashing Success

On February 25, The Glacier Fund Board of Directors hosted a reception for 150 people at the O'Shaughnessy Center for the Performing Arts in Whitefish, Montana. Attendees enjoyed Bill Rossiter's rousing and entertaining performance of **The Magic Carpet Made of Steel**.

Thanks to a grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities, Bill regaled the audience with old songs and stories that recaptured the wonder and romance that trains once inspired.

Louis Hill, chairman of The Glacier Fund board, introduced the new board members. The audience also heard from Jay Vestal, Vice-President of Development for the National Park Foundation, Rick Shireman, acting Glacier National Park Superinten-

dent and the newly-appointed Superintendent, Suzanne Lewis.

Flathead Valley restaurants and businesses donated a wonderful assortment of food, beverages and raffle items. A special drawing was held for individuals who pledged gifts to The Glacier Fund. The winners were: **Bob Depratu**--Linda Tippetts framed watercolor of the Garden Wall; **Rick Shireman**--Dave Mihalic watercolor print; **Linda Pilote**--Night at the Belton Hotel in West Glacier; **Louis Hill**--Glacier National Park book donated by Glacier Natural History Association (GNHA); **Doug Chadwick**--National Parks Monopoly game, donated by GNHA.



A Memorial Gift to Remember a Special Woman

Glacier Park Employees were saddened to hear of the death of Marcie Buccholtz, wife of former Hot Shot Crew leader and Law Enforcement Officer, Curt Buccholtz. Her family is donating a \$5000 gift in her memory to The Glacier Fund. The family is presently working with Glacier Park staff to begin a campaign to repair a backcountry cabin and trail. Look for more information on this project as the cam-

paign is developed. We will be looking for individuals and businesses who will adopt a mile of trail or contribute to the renovation of a cabin. Preliminary plans for repair of Mineral Creek Cabin and trail are being prepared. The trail was destroyed in the flood of 1964 and was used to access Fifty Mountain Camp from Packers Roost. Final project selection has not been determined yet.

Calendar of Events

July 21 —————

The Glacier Fund Board of Directors Annual meeting at East Glacier Lodge.

July 27-29 —————

Trail Crew Rendezvous at the West Glacier Ball field.

August 25 —————

Founders Day. Get into Glacier National Park free.

September 17 —————

Wood's Tea Company Concert at the O'Shaughnessy Center in Whitefish. All proceeds benefit The Glacier Fund and Glacier Park Associates.

September 23 —————

Fun and Winefest to benefit the Glacier Institute, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the Outlaw Inn, Kalispell. Tickets are \$25, call 755-1211.

September 25 & 26 —————

Going to the Sun Advisory Board Meets in park headquarters.

October 25 —————

West Glacier The Glacier Fund Board of Directors meets at the Belton Hotel in West Glacier.



Thank you, contributors, for helping to preserve the heritage!

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Yes! I would like to join others in helping to protect and preserve Glacier National Park

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Experience your America with a National Parks Pass

The new National Park Pass is now on sale at park entrance stations and headquarters in West Glacier. The \$50 pass allows entry to all national parks for one year from the purchase date.

For an additional \$15, a Golden Eagle upgrade hologram can be attached. By purchasing the pass in Glacier National Park, 70 percent of the fee stays in Glacier for park projects.

The pass has a magnetic strip on the back which is being tested at three national parks. (Sorry, Glacier is not yet one of them.)

Eventually park visitors will be able to avoid entrance station lines and swipe their way into the park at a special entrance lane.

Support the park and buy yours today. Call (406) 888-7800 for more details. The pass is also available online at www.nationalparks.org.



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